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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Pierre Salinger, Press Assistant to Senator Kennedy

On 31 August 1960 the Director attempted to get in touch with Mr. Robert Kennedy and being unable to reach Mr. Kennedy talked to Mr. Pierre Salinger, Press Assistant to Senator Kennedy.

The Director referred to the article on page A2 of the Washington Post of 31 August - "Kennedy Names Policy Group to Prepare Program if he Wins" - and in particular to Senator Kennedy's statement therein:

> "..... Kennedy said the Nitze group would not be entitled to data given him and his running mate, Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson, by CIA director Allen Dulles. The Senator said Dulles so far has given him only one briefing but that President Eisenhower has arranged for him to talk shortly with an unnamed Defense official." .....

and reminded Mr. Salinger that when he (DCI) last briefed the Senator, he had told him that he stood ready to give him subsequent briefings as requested. The Director told Mr. Salinger that he knew Senator Kennedy was busy with his Congressional activities, however he wanted to make it clear that he was ready to give Senator Kennedy such further briefings any time as he desires and as previously authorized by the President.

Mr. Salinger undertook to convey this message to Senator Kennedy and said he would be in touch with the Director.

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